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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION TO ROC

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1. DEC 9-12 VISIT TO ROC BY 4-MAN SAUDI DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPFONMIN IBRAHIM SULTAN APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LARGELY CEREMONIAL IN NATURE, WITH MAIN PURPOSE TO RECIPROCAT EARLIER VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA BY ROC FINMIN LI KUO-TING. VISIT INCLUDED MEETINGS WITH PREMIER CHIANG, FONMIN SHEN CHANG-HUAN, FINMIN LI, AND ECONMIN SUN YUN-HSUAN.

2. PRESS REPORTING ON VISIT WAS AMPLE BUT REVEALED LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE. ACCORDING ONE LOCAL NEWSPAPER, IBRAHIM SULTAN REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ROC AND SAUDI ARABIA ARE "CLOSE AND FRIENDLY" AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED "BY POOLING SAUDI CAPITAL AND ROC TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW."

3. ACCORDING MOFA SAUDI DESK OFFICER, TALKS BETWEEN DELEGATION AND MOFA OFFICIALS CONTAINED NOTHING NEW, AND IN HIS WORDS ENTIRE VISIT COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS "TRANSIT STOP BETWEEN IRAN AND KOREA." UNGER

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